--- P-303a - “Series of 1867” - 27 & 28 VIC. - CAP. III - Manufactured Tobacco Strip ---

--- 490 x 53 mm. - lithographed in black ink on *vertically laid* paper by George Desbarats ---

--- Longitudinally *watermarked* with crown / ***EXCISE*** / beaver / ***1867*** **- scanned at 35% scale ---**

RM-5 - lithographed in black ink, perforated 12½, on *vertically laid* paper,
Longitudinally watermarked with crown / ***EXCISE*** / beaver / ***1867*** prepared for use by Licensee No. *4* at *M*ontreal in *May 1868*, for *98* nett pounds of *Smoking* tobacco. **Two copies** - the second is simply signed *Durnford* **Coll. I.R.**

Chris Ryan lists *P. Durnford* as the Primary Collector at Montreal until May 31st 1874, when he was succeeded by *Dunbar Browne*

--- the above scan at 100% scale ---

The collection *does not* contain, nor have I seen, the Lee Brandom *imperforate* strip. The two blue Customs strips in the general collection are **RM-14** (perforated 12½) and **RM-14a** (imperforate).

R. Bellemare was listed as the Collector for the 1st Division of Montreal in 1866 - ex Chris Ryan

--- **RM-5** - a pair - scanned at 100% scale ---

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